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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GEN. DORSEY

1. DEPT IS FORWARDING BY POUCH LETTER FROM POSTMASTER GENERAL KLASSEN TO N. D. PSURTSEV MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, REQUESTING THAT SOVIETS RECEIVE SENIOR ASST. PG DORSEY AND PARTY OF UP TO THREE OTHER USPS OFFICIALS FOR ONE-WEEK VISIT BEGINNING AUGUST 29. LETTER IS IN RESPONSE TO REPEATED INVITATIONS, RECENTLY REAFFIRMED BY DEPUTY MINISTER MANGEL'DIN DURING UPU MEETING AT LAUSANNE. LETTER STATES THAT IF SOVIETS UNABLE TO RECEIVE DORSEY PARTY AT END OF AUGUST, EARLIEST ALTERNATIVE TIME FOR VISIT WOULD BE DURING LAST THREE WEEKS OF OCTOBER.

2. IN VIEW OF LIKELIHOOD THAT APPROPRIATE SOVIET OFFICIALS UNAVAILABLE FOR RESPONSE DURING CUSTOMARY VACATION PERIOD, EMBASSY REQUESTED, IF IT IS PRACTICAL TO DO SO, TO ATTEMPT TO GET AT LEAST TENTATIVE SOVIET RESPONSE IN NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS. KISSINGER

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